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In the name of God Amen, I William Swain of Bertie County and Province of North Carolina being in a bad state of health but in my perfect senses do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in the following manner. First I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me and my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named. As to my worldly goods I dispose of in the following manner. First my desire is that all my just debts should be paid together with my funeral charges as soon as possible after my death. First I lend to my dearly beloved wife Tibithy Swain during her widowhood the plantation where on I now live together with my stock of every kind, excepting my gray horse Junes, and also my plantation tools. I also lend to my beloved wife the laboring use of all my Negroes during her widowhood. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, John Swain, the land where on he now lives beginning at a hickory tree on the poplar branch and from the said tree running the same course of the head line until it comes to Philip Wards line containing two hundred and forty acres more or less. I also give to my son John Swain one Negro man named Ben to him, his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to beloved sons Richard Swain and James Swain the remainder of my plantation to be equally divided between them beginning at Henry Spellars line on the mill swamp running across the plantation to Philip Wards line. My son Richard to

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have the upper part with the houses and my son James the other part. I to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Letchworth Swain one Negro man named Frank as also my gray horse called Junes.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Richard Swain one Negro woman named Amey and her increase to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Swain one Negro girl named Rhody to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Anne Swain one Negro Girl named Sarah to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Susanah Swain one Negro girl Vinia to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

My will and desire is that at the death of my beloved wife or in case she should marry, that my stock of every kind together with all my plantation tools shall be sold at public value and the money to be equally divided to and among my six children above mentioned. I do here by revoke all former wills heretofore by me made. I do constitute and appoint my loving sons John Swain and Letchworth Swain executors to this my last will and testament.

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In witness whereunto I have here unto set my hand and
seal this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our
Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy
eight.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Christian Reed, William Swain

Henry

Charlton Clemonts

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In the Name of God Amen I William Swain of
Berkeley County and Province of North Carolina being
In a Bad State of Health but in my Perfect senses do
make and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament
in the following Manner First I Recommend my soul
To god who gave it me and my Body to be Buried at the
Discretion of my Executors here after Named as to my
Worldly goods I Dispose of in the following manner first
My Desire is that all my Just Debt should be Paid together
With my Funerall Charges as soon as Possible after my
Death. First I Lend the use to My dearly beloved
Wife Sibbthy Swain Durin her Widow Hood the Plantation
Whear on I Now live together with all my stock of Every
Kind Excepting my Gray Horse Suses, as also my
Plantation Tools, I also Lend to my Beloved Wife the
Labouring use of all my Negroes Durin her widow Hood
I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved son John Swain
the Land where he now lives Begining at a Hickory tree
on the Poplar Branch & from the said Tree Running the
same Course of the Head line untill it comes to Philips
Wards line Containg Two Hundred & forty acres more or less
I also give to my son John Swain one Negro man Named
Ben to him his heirs & assigns for ever
I Give and Bequeath to Beloved sons Richard Swain
And James Swain the Remainder Part of my Plantation
To Be Equally Divided between them Begining at Henry
Spillers line on the mill Swamp Running a Cross the
Plantation to Philips Wards line

Cried over

My son Richard to have the Upper part with the House
And my son James the other Part I say to them of
their heirs & assigns for ever

Item I Give & Bequeath to my ~~Beloved~~ Beloved son Lechworth
Swain one Negro Man Named Frank as also my Gray
Horse called Junee,

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved son Richard Swain
one Negro Woman Named Anney & her Increase to him
his heirs & assigns for ever

Item, I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved son James Swain
one Negro Girl Named Rhody to him his heirs &
assigns for ever

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Anne Swain
one Negro Girl Named Sarah to her & her heirs &
assigns for ever

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Susanah
Swain one Negro Girl Vania to her & her heirs & assigns
for ever

My Will and Desire is that at the Death of my Beloved Wife
Mary that all my stock of every kind
together with all my Plantation Tools shall be sold at Publick
Vandue & the money to be Equal Divided to & amongst my six
Children above mentioned

I do hereby Revoke all former Wills here to fore by me made
I do constitute and appoint my Loving sons John Swain
And Lechworth Swain Executors To this my last will

Carried over

Brought over

And Testament In Witness whereunto I have here unto
set my Hand & Seal This Twenty Fifth Day of May in the
year of our Lord Christ one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy
Eight

William Swain

Signed Sealed &
Delivered in presence of

Christian Reed

Henry Mullins Esq.

Charlton Clements

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Wm Swain
Will